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1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH KIM KWAN--DOK AND HIS COLLEAGUES AND THEIR FAMILIES, NCCC-K HAS DECIDED TO TAKE THEIR CASES TO THE COURT OF APPEALS. DECISION WAS DIFFICULT ONE TO MAKE NQFOR ALL SINCE THERE IS CONCERN THAT KIM AND OTHERS COULD BE KEPT IN PRISON UNTIL APPEAL PROCESS, WHICH COULD BE LENGTHY, IS EXHAUSTED. POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RPROSECUTOR WILL TAKE CASES TO HIGHER COURT WHICH COULD OVERTURN LOWER COURT DECISION. FINAL RESULT OF APPEAL COULD POSSIBLY BE HEAVIER SENTENCES FOR KIM ET AL. COUNCIL IS NOW DEBATING IF AND HOW PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPEAL IS TO BE MADE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FAMILIES OF REV. KIM AND THE OTHERS ALSO PLAN TO SEND A LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK ASKING HIM TO RELEASE THEM FROM PRISON.

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